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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1909

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SUBJECT: Regional Law Enforcement Training Fee and Funds.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) *Covered Counties*- This bill establishes a Regional Law Enforcement Training Fee and Regional Law Enforcement Training Fund (Training Fee Fund) for each region served by a regional law enforcement training council. It establishes a \$2 fee to be collected in cases in which a person commits a crime or an infraction or violates an ordinance. It provides for the fee to be distributed to the council serving the region. It requires councils to use Training Fee Fund monies solely for the training of law enforcement officers who work for an agency or department that is within the geographic region of the councils.

Non-Covered Counties- It provides training monies from the Law Enforcement Assistance Fund (Fund) for counties that are not covered by a regional law enforcement training council. It requires counties not covered by a regional law enforcement training council to submit an application for training monies to the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (the Institute).

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) The Indiana Law Enforcement Training Board (the Board) would experience no administrative costs due to the provisions of this bill. However, the Institute could experience a minimal increase in administrative expenses.

Under current law, the Fund is used to provide monies to law enforcement agencies in order to increase the number of officers on patrol in Indiana's communities. In accordance with the provisions of this bill, the Fund would also be used to provide training monies for counties not covered by law enforcement training councils. (The Institute currently administers the Fund.)

Background

Public Law 260-1997 established the Fund in order to provide monies to law enforcement agencies to increase the number of officers on patrol in Indiana and in Indiana's local communities. Since the

establishment of the Fund, the State General Assembly has appropriated to the Institute a total of \$50 M from FY 1998 to FY 2001 (\$12.5 M for FY 1998, \$12.5 M for FY 1999, \$17.5 M for FY 2000, and \$7.5 M for FY 2001).

Monies from the Fund were awarded to law enforcement agencies via 299 grants ranging from \$4,015 to \$5,000,000. Grants can be used for the following purposes: 1) to train, equip, and pay the first three years' salary for one officer; or 2) to purchase equipment or hire and train persons to permit the law enforcement agency to increase by one the number of officers on patrol.

It is reported that approximately 90% of the awarded grants are being utilized to train, equip, and pay officer salaries, while approximately 10% of the grants are being utilized to purchase equipment.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: (Revised) *Covered Counties*- Counties, cities, and towns would experience an indeterminable increase in court fee revenues deposited into their user fee funds via local court systems. Revenues would be transferred to already established regional enforcement training councils in order to defray the cost of training law enforcement officers.

The specific effects of this bill would vary between regional enforcement training councils, and would depend upon the number of individuals within the boundaries of each council that either commits a felony or misdemeanor, or violates an infraction or ordinance. (Each \$2 fee would be first collected by the court clerk, transferred to either the county auditor or local fiscal officer for deposit into the User Fee Fund, and then transferred to the Training Fee Fund established under this bill.)

Non-Covered Counties- Counties, cities, and towns not covered by a regional law enforcement training council would experience an indeterminable increase in training monies from the Fund. The specific effects are currently indeterminable and would depend upon local action. (Counties would be required to submit grant applications in order to receive training monies.)

Background- There are currently seven regional law enforcement training councils in Indiana. (However, only six of the seven have been officially recognized by the Board.) In order to become recognized, a council must fulfill the following criteria: 1) become incorporated; 2) become a non-profit organization; 3) establish a board of directors; 4) utilize instructors certified by the Board; 5) elect a president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary; and 6) demonstrate a membership that accurately reflects the number of law enforcement agencies within council boundaries.

Currently, each of the six officially recognized regional law enforcement training councils serve anywhere from 400 to 1,500 law enforcement officers within each set of council boundaries. The seven regions that currently exist in Indiana are as follows: 1) North; 2) North East; 3) North Central; 4) Central; 5) South East (not recognized by the Board); 6) South Central; and 7) South West.

Contact information for each council is available in Legislative Services Agency, Office of Fiscal and Management Analysis.

State Agencies Affected: Indiana Criminal Justice Institute; Law Enforcement Training Board.

Local Agencies Affected: Law Enforcement Agencies.

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